



Dear Friends,

It's been a long,
hard pull getting
ready for Christmas!
But it's been worth the
many hours spent at the
workshop. For when
you stop and think of
the sheer delight
reflected in every face
on Christmas morn, it
makes you feel really glad
that your efforts have
brought happiness like
this into the World.
So, have a Merry
Christmas friends... and
a very Happy New Year,
too!

Sincerely,
Santa

BROCK THEATRE VIKING

DEC. 20-22 SAT.-MON.

The Wildest "SNAFU"
The Army Ever Knew
... As A Sergeant
"Promotes" Himself
To General!



MGM
GLENN FORD
IMITATION
GENERAL
Co-Starring
RED BUTTONS
TAINA ELG
(DEAN KINGS in character)
(Family Picture)

DEC. 23-24 TUES.-WED.

Peter Finch, Mary Ure in
"WINDOM'S WAY"

A doctor becomes reluctantly
involved in politics and war
in the Pacific.
(Adult-Color-Drama)

Tuesday, Dec. 23rd
Showing Twice—1 & 2:15

KIDDIES
Free
CHRISTMAS
Show

Cartoons — Santa
— Treats —
Given by Elks' Lodge, Legion,
and the Brock Theatre

YOUR HOLIDAY MOVIE ENTERTAINMENT

Get More Out of Life — Go Out to a Movie

DEC. 25-26 THURS.-FRI.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT
AND BOXING NIGHT
NEW ADVENTURES

WALT DISNEY'S
DAVE CROCKETT
AND THE
RIVER PIRATES

PLUS
● THE WILDEST
● THE TALKING DOG
● THE LONE CHIPMUNK
(Family Picture)

DEC. 30-31 TUESDAY

AND NEW YEAR'S EVE

THAT LITTLE BIG SHOCKER
OF THE BIG RED & BLACK
TO ROCK YOU A N' AWAY
NEW ADVENTURE
KATHY O
DAN DURYEA
JAN STERLING
PATTY MCCORMACK
MARTY FICKETT

Little Patty wanted love more
than glamour.
(Family Picture)

DEC. 27-29 SAT.-MON.

THE TITANIC TANK BATTLE
OF WORLD WAR III
VICTOR LEO
MATURE GEN
TANK FORCE!
MICKEY RUSSELL • ERNE CLEGG • JOE ARNETT
and starring LUCIANA PALUZZI
Cinemascope TECHNICOLOR
(Family Picture)

NEW YEAR'S NIGHT and
FRIDAY, JAN. 2nd
Joel McCrea, Barbara
Stanwick in

"TROOPER HOOK"

A different type of Western.
A white squaw stolen from an
Apache chief starts the ex-
citing story.
(Adult-Western)

JAN. 3-5 SAT.-MON.

Cinemascope — Color
Pat Boone, Shirley Jones

"APRIL LOVE"

The picture with every-
thing, romance, song, beau-
tiful scenery, adventure and
intrigue.
(Family)

JANUARY 6-7 TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

MOVIE-OF-THE-MONTH —
— ONE SHOW ONLY EACH NIGHT 8 P.M. —

Universal's Latest Road Show
"Twilight for the Gods"

Rock Hudson, Syd Charise
Filmed in color on the Hawaiian Islands.
ADULT TICKETS ONLY

Seasons Greetings from
The Hillikers and Staffs of
Brock Theatre & Lynn Lunch

CHURCH SERVICES

THE ALLIANCE CHURCH
Sunday, December 21st
10:30—Sunday School
11:30—Morning Worship
Tuesday, December 23rd
8 p.m.—Sunday School Christ-
mas Program

Sunday, December 28th
Services will be in charge of
W. Geol, assistant pastor of
Beulah Alliance Church, Edmon-
ton.

Sunday, January 4th
W. Spady of Wainwright will
be in charge of services.
L. D. Sheardown, Pastor.

UNITED CHURCH
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Albert—10 a.m.
Irma Sunday School — 10:30
a.m.
Worship Service—11:30 a.m.
Irma Sunday School White
Gift Service—8 p.m.
Jarrow Worship Service—2:30
p.m.
A special invitation to wor-
ship at this Happy Christmas
Time.
H. W. Inglis, Minister.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Service of Evensong will be
held in St. Mary's Church on
Sunday, Dec. 21st at 2 p.m. Sun-
day School will also be held.
There will be Celebration of
Holy Communion in St. Mary's
Church on Christmas Day at 11
a.m. The offertory at this Service
will be our Christmas gift to our
Rector.

SHARON LUTHERAN
Sunday School Christmas pro-
gram—Saturday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m.
Divine Worship—Sunday, Dec.
21, 11 a.m.
Christmas Service—Dec. 26,
11 a.m.
New Year's Watchnight Service
—Dec. 31, beginning at 9 p.m.
C. Magee, Pastor.

Glen-Coa Gleanings

An inspirational pre-Christ-
mas program was presented by
Sharon Luther League last Sun-
day evening. The teen-age mem-
bers gave a skit explaining the
true meaning of all the pre-
Christmas activities.

Carroll visitors on Thursday
and Saturday, respectively, of
last week were Mr. and Mrs. T.
A. Larson, and Mr. and Mrs. N.
Fluevog and girls.

Christmas plans and activi-
ties are beginning to take shape.
Rumors of a skating party and
a social evening during the holi-
days appeal to the young.

May the beauty of CHRIST-
MAS have richer meaning for
each one of us. A truly Merry
Christmas to one and all!

Jarrow News

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowen-
camp returned Sunday from a
very enjoyable trip by way of
the Grand Coulee Dam, Spokane,
and into Vancouver, visiting
there with Robert's sister and
family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard-
son. From there they went
through Fraser Canyon, then to
Houston, B.C. where they visit-
ed with Shirley's sister and
family, Mrs. Glean. From there
they went up the Hart Highway
into the Peace River country be-
fore returning home. They were
very impressed with the Peace
River country, very flat, and
large, well built up farms and
good roads. They said around
Prince George there was about
two feet of snow. In all, they
had a very nice trip.

Mr. Arthur Overby was a city
visitor the past week.
Christmas parties are now in
the offing — Jarrow Concert be-
ing Dec. 17th, Barbra B. Metro-
politan on Dec. 20th. Santa will
no doubt be paying a visit at all
places, thus making some an-
xious children very happy.

The YPS are also holding
their Christmas party on Dec.
29, which will also be a skating
party in the Melrose district.
Mr. Reg. McVetters of Edmon-
ton visited with old friends, Mr.
and Mrs. C. Soneff last Tues-
day.

There will be a Christmas
Service in Jarrow United Church
on Sunday, Dec. 21st at 2:30 p.m.
with Rev. Inglis officiating.
Friends of Mrs. Meskins will be
glad to know she expects to
leave the hospital this week, but
will be staying at the home of
her son Bill Meskins, until she
gets more used to using the
crutches.

Mr. Wayne Ronjoh is home
after having had his leg re-
moved in Viking hospital last
week.

IT PAYS TO Shop in Wainwright For All YOUR Shopping Needs

Christmas Shopping Hours:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th — OPEN 'TIL 6 P.M.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th — OPEN 'TIL 9 P.M.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22nd — OPEN 'TIL 9 P.M.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd — OPEN 'TIL 9 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th — OPEN 'TIL 6 P.M.

You'll Find Whatever You Are
Looking For In
Wainwright's Well Stocked Shops



Stuck... with last-minute Christmas shopping problems?

HERE'S A TIP FOR BUSY SANTAS...

If your gift-list doesn't seem to be getting
any shorter, make a quick trip to your local
B of M branch. See if you don't agree that
it's the ideal gift shop for those "hard-to-buy-
for" people on your list.

For the cradle and classroom sets... there are special
passbooks designed to make a hit with the young fry.
With a nice balance inside, they make a perfect extra
gift that will grow with them through the years. And
just watch their eyes when they see the gay Christmas
passbook cover.

...and adults, too. You can take the worry out of shopping
for the hard-to-please by giving festively-decorated
B of M Christmas cheques in their Christmasy folders
and envelopes. Practical B of M money orders in holly-
decked envelopes save you needless guesswork when
buying for out-of-towners.

and if you are an employer... brighten up your staff's
bonuses by using colourful B of M Christmas cheques.
Why not drop into your neighbourhood B of M
branch today? One short visit will soon restore
that cheery chuckle to your Christmas giving.



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Christmas Messages

From the Churches

IRMA UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It is indeed a privilege to bring a Christmas Message to the people of the Irma district through the medium of the Irma Times. I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year, and may God Bless you Richly in the year ahead.

During these happy busy days of the Christmas season we ought to take time to think of what Christmas means to us. Many people are finding that a multitude of activities fill up their days and sap their strength to such an extent that Christmas is a time they dread rather than look forward to and they have a sigh of relief when it is past. Others find Christmas a time of great joy. They delight in remembering their friends and in being remembered, and truly to them Christmas is not only the greatest event in the year but the greatest event in the history of the world. They have recognized that ONE was born into the world whose coming changed the whole course of mankind.

If Christmas has significance to us and if our lives have any real significance they must be related to something that has significance and meaning. We Christians believe that Jesus Christ gives meaning to all of life and that He brought light to those who sat in darkness and lifted man out of mere existence to purposeful living.

So Christmas calls us to renew our covenant with Him and to worship Him that we may never forget what God has done for us, sending us a Saviour who is CHRIST THE LORD.

Rev. H. W. Inglis

Christmas Elf Concerned

With Well-Being of Cattle
Julie-Nisse was not exactly a Danish version of Santa Claus. He was an elf, little old man who lived in the attic and was primarily concerned with the well-being of the cattle, keeping them fat and contented, caring for them if the stablehands neglected their duties.

Nisse's name and association with Christmas probably stems from his legendary tenancy of houses where peace and contentment prevailed. 'Tis said he either avoided homes where contention ruled or played all sorts of gremlin-like tricks upon the occupants thereof.

Danish youngsters, mindful of Nisse's long memory and watchful eye, put themselves upon their good behavior as Christmas approaches.

Miracle Plays Still Held

Among more tradition - observing communities of the world, old-time miracle plays are still performed, often in the form of elaborate dances, in solemn, but vivid, settings against the colorful background of tropical foliage.

Weekly Inspirational Corner

(Sponsored by an Irma Times reader)

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. —St. Luke 2:8-14.

THE ALLIANCE CHURCH PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO-DAY

We live in momentous days, and of this there can be no question. Two world wars and their aftermath have consciously and unconsciously taken their toll from us. We have come through twelve years of cold war and are told by scientists that annihilation may be the consequence of the change from a cold war to a shooting war. Yet, my message to you at this Christmas season is a positive affirmation that we can experience peace even in the midst of present world circumstances. The angel's message of "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men" still stands true. Although I believe this message has a larger scope than the present church age, and its fullest meaning will be realized in the millennium, yet I believe it can be our measure even in these crisis days. The problem is that men always put the cart before the horse. People want the result without following the plan God has laid down in His Word. Men have been striving for "peace on earth" without acknowledging the first part of the angel's message. The angel said, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." Again the message to Joseph was, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins."

The problem is this: We want peace — but peace can never be realized until the problem of sin is dealt with. Goodwill will never be extended until Christ becomes the personal Saviour of the individual. The universal message is that He can save you from your sins, and be your Saviour. It is proven to anyone who cares to examine the historical facts, that where men have allowed Christ to save them, that peace has entered the heart, and goodwill has radiated from the soul, and society has been saved. Where Christ reigns in lives there is peace, but we might just as well try to reap a harvest without planting the seed as to strive for peace without realizing the Saviourship of the Lord Jesus. He came to save sinners and that includes us all.

Actually, there are only two classes of people in the world: the saved and the unsaved — those who know the reality of a born again experience and those who do not. God divides the line here regardless of class, color, country, or religious affiliation. The saved know what peace means — the rest of the world strives for it.

The people and pastor of the Alliance church extend to you the greetings of the season with a sincere wish that all may know real peace, which is peace with God and humanity.

Rev. L. D. Sheardown.

Tuberculosis has been known as far back as there are written records. It was not until 1882 that Robert Koch, a German doctor, found the germ that caused TB and to established proof beyond all doubt.

Our Christmas Message

Every week seems to see the disappearance of yet another old school house which has been a landmark and a community centre for many years. As these old buildings are taken down or bauld away for dwellings or other purposes, the memories of many who were Pioneer's children go with them. So, to all our readers who tramped two or three miles on foot, carrying a lunch of hard-boiled eggs and jam sandwiches in a lard pail, or drove a horse and buggy over stoney trails with those same tin pails jouncing and jangling companionably in the bottom of the vehicle — worse still, if you were small and inadequate, riding on a stubborn cayuse that had to be coaxed, prodded and cajoled all the way from home to school in the morning while at night you clung desperately to the reins while he bolted home at top speed — to you, this Christmas reminiscence is lovingly dedicated.

Remember thawing out ink bottles on top of a Waterbury stove? Remember the time someone put a syrup can full of cocoa or soup on top of the stove to heat and forgot to loosen the lid? Then there were the zero days when the stove wouldn't draw and we'd have to play "Follow the Leader" with the teacher for half the morning to keep warm. Surely the best time of all was when that long line of stove pipes sagged and fell down and we were all sent home for the day while the local trustees battled with those pipes in a cold school.

In hot weather the school door would be left open and to the delight of everyone, excepting the teacher, stray aphorisms and sparrows came hopping in.

Of course the highlight of each school year was the Christmas concert. We sang, we drilled, we recited, we practiced for weeks ahead — the excitement mounting with every day ticked off the calendar.

The small girls' chief worry was — would it be warm enough to wear that one pretty little summer dress in her limited wardrobe — could she wear slippers and not felt boots and above all, would mother consent to thinner underclothing for that one night. Long underwear was difficult to cope with when wearing a summer dress. As for the boys we don't believe they had a worry in the world at Christmas.

The day 'The Tree' arrived and was set up by the joint efforts of the chairman of Board and teacher's current beau — the anticipation was almost more than we could bear.

Then came 'The Night!' Mother had probably consented to thinner clothing and hay would be piled into the wagon box of the family sleigh. The children were covered over with rugs and horseblankets and the grinding sound of the sleigh runners as we took off over the snow, set throbs to each heart. The horses might only be an old work team but there were bells on their backs and on this night of enchantment they were fairy steeds.

After what seemed an age, we came in sight of the school — it would be blazing with light and fairy rocking with excitement.

What if the program did get off to a post start when the four Grade 1's who were to enter

with the letters STAR came in reverse order and spelled out RATS! What if you, when your turn came, were afraid to speak out as you stood there terrified yet delighted to be in that concert! Talented or not, you were sure of a part in something and also sure of an appreciative audience of relatives and friends and the title role. He distributed the candy in red and green resealable bags and the precious gifts — no matter how small teacher's salary, nobody was ever forgotten — and our cup of bliss was full and running over. The Chairman made a fine speech complimenting teachers and all her pupils. Soon we were in the hay-filled sleighs again, going sleepily and happily home.

Our small rural schools are going, but their names remain to designate the various districts in our community and to many of us those names bring back many happy memories.

Former Irma Lady Celebrates 90th Birthday Anniversary

(Abbotsford News, Abbotsford, B.C.)

Dec. 10, 1958 — Well-known at Bradner where her husband has operated the post office for the past nine years, Mrs. T. C. Sanders will celebrate her ninety-third birthday on Saturday, Dec. 13. Although she says she is not as quick as she used to be, partly due to failing eye sight, elderly lady is active in her home and enjoys community events.

One complaint Mrs. T. C. Sanders has to make after nearly 90 years of living is that she can't get around as fast as she did. Nobody calls Jack Rabbit now, as they did in the old days.

Citizen of Bradner since 1949, she will celebrate her birthday on Saturday, Dec. 13.

She was born Eliza Desdman in West Croydon, England, and came to Canada on her honeymoon. She and her husband homesteaded at Dubuc, Saskatchewan, later farmed near Edmonton and then in Irma. Mr. Sanders is now postmaster at Bradner where their son Edwin operates the general store.

Eldest son, Ross, lives at Ladner among Wilfred and daughter Lillian, who is Mrs. H. Morse, are in Saskatchewan. They have ten grandchildren.

Mrs. Sanders was a member of the women's institute in Irma, but now limits her activities to the guild of Bradner Church.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Archibald of Irma wish to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Irene Phyllis, to Walter William Laurin, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Michel Laurin of Edmonton. The marriage will take place in McDougall United Church, Edmonton, on February 7th at 4:00 p.m.

In the last 10 years several drugs have been discovered which help in the treatment of tuberculosis. Generally they are used in combination because it has been found that the development of strains of germs resistant to the drugs is delayed longer by a combination than by the use of one only.

Twenty-six Rinks Open Curling Season in Irma Mixed 'Spiel

Last week saw members of the Irma Curling Club off to a good start when the curling season opened with a mixed bonspiel.

The ice was ready, rather earlier than usual this year and the weather was quite kind for the duration of the 'spiel.

Twenty-six rinks competed in this happy event and the Drawmaker Mr. K. Coffin worked overtime to keep games running smoothly. The ladies did their usual good work in the refreshment booth while Caretaker Clarence Renwick did his best to keep the ice in shape.

Honors and prizes were divided as follows:

First Event:

1st—A. Firkus, W. Inklin, W. Matthews, J. Dunbar. 4 electric kettles donated by Fred Jack Hardware.

2nd—N. Blader, V. Sampson, Mrs. S. Fenton, G. Bridgeman. 4 wool blankets donated by J. C. McFarland Co.

3rd—S. Fenton, Mrs. Fischer, R. O. Larsen, A. Darling. \$5.00 bills donated by C. Anguit.

4th—M. Younker, I. Thurston, W. Veer, G. Lovig. Pork rolls donated by Irma Co-op.

Second Event:

1st—Bill King, K. Cook, A. Lovig, Linda Daniels. 4 hams donated by L. Meier.

2nd—A. Cook, B. Fischer, F. Kuwica, E. Meyers. 4 wallets and ash trays donated by H. Barber.

3rd—K. Coffin, J. Bars, N. Fuder. 4 Pork rolls donated by Irma Co-op.

4th—J. Burton, T. Hill, W. Walker, J. Wahlberg. 4 oil changes and grease jobs donated by Central Garage.

Third Event:

1st—C. Milne, C. Younker, R. Dempsey, Mrs. Ballestrine. 40 quarts Marmyube donated by P. E. Jones Co.

2nd—M. Fahner, C. Anguit, Ron Lovig, Carol Smallwood. 4 oil changes and grease jobs donated by Stan Murray.

3rd—E. Jones, C. Lukens, N. Boyd, Mrs. Veer. 4 gallons anti-freeze donated by Bob Hansen.

PHONES FROM OVERSEAS

While curling in the local spiel on Saturday, Mrs. George Fischer was asked to take a telephone call at Central Garage. When she answered she could hear different operators' voices in various parts of Canada and Europe — finally operators began to speak in German and then a well-remembered voice said, "Hello Mom." Flying Officer Donald Fischer was making his Christmas call and spoke to his mother for about 10 minutes.

Don is well and had just returned from gunnery practice in Sardinia, an island in the Mediterranean. He will be next February before he gets leave to return to Canada.

NOTICE

The Group Committee for the Cub and Scout Association have decided that boys not twelve by January 1, will be welcomed in to the Irma Cub Pack. These older boys will be carried in this pack until the end of June and will receive advanced training that will fit them for a Scout troop which we hope will be forthcoming beginning of September.

4th—H. McDermott, K. Currie, J. Templeton, Mrs. Pond. 4 coffee mugs and 4 boxes chocolates donated by Irma Drug Store.

Fourth Event:

1st—C. Smallwood, R. Burton, L. White, Mrs. Lovig. 4 gallons anti-freeze donated by K. Coffin.

2nd—N. MacMillan, Mrs. Smallwood, W. Fuder, G. Weatherly. 4 cups and saucers donated by Irma Curling Club.

3rd—W. Lawson, H. Dunbar, Mrs. Millar. 4 lbs. chocolates donated by Club Cafe.

4th—W. Daniels, Mrs. Milne, M. Russell, D. Daniels. 4 ash trays donated by Imperial Lumber Co.

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2 Shows Saturday—2:30 and 8

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 19-20th

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Wed.-Thurs., Dec. 24th-25th

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Friday-Saturday, Dec. 26-27th

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Wed.-Thurs., Dec. 31 & JAN. 1st

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News Report From Edmonton

By Ken Mason

EDMONTON—Unless members of the Legislature take strong exception, there will probably be some major changes in Alberta's highway speed limits next year.

The proposal is to boost the passenger car limit to 65 from the present 60 on the new four-lane and divided highways. The truck limit would be increased to 55 from the present 50, and at night both cars and trucks would be limited to 55.

At the same time, the 60-m.p.h. limit may be reduced on some gravel highways in the province where engineers think a slower speed would make for added safety.

Highways Minister Gordon Taylor outlined the proposed changes last week at a meeting attended by representatives of the government, RCMP and city police forces, and organizations interested in traffic and highway safety.

He told the meeting Alberta's present speed limits are " antiquated." Vehicles and highways have undergone big changes in design and engineering since the 60-m.p.h. limit was established, he said, and he argued there is little sense in having the same limit apply on a super highway and on a narrow two-lane road.

The majority of the delegates agreed with his view, but there was one notable exception. The Alberta Safety Council opposes the idea of raising speed limits. According to the council, motorists who drive at 65 or 70 now will push their cars along at 70 or 75 if the limit is raised. The council also argued that the range of present-day headlights makes night driving at anything over 50 dangerous.

In effect, the province would simply be giving legal recognition to what the majority of drivers are already doing. According to an RCMP traffic survey, the average speed of all cars on the new super highways is 65—which means some are going slower than that and others considerably faster.

There is a theory among traffic engineers that the motoring public will set its own speed limit. Some feel there should be no posted limit, but that the law should require a reasonable rate of speed having regard for all circumstances. That theory, however, doesn't meet with the approval of police forces. It's a tough job to decide what is "reasonable" speed, but when the law posts a set limit a conviction is easy to obtain.

The matter of the public setting its own limit was discussed at the meeting, but it didn't get far. So it narrows down to a question of whether higher speeds should be permitted on the straight, wide super highways where the danger of head-on collisions is eliminated.

Incidentally, the meeting also discussed the possibility of increased penalties for speeding. The government will study a request from the police that the maximum fine for a first-offence speeding charge be raised to \$300 from the present \$50.

Gordon Taylor is winning himself a heap of goodwill through his practice of calling interested parties together and inviting the press to attend when proposed changes in legislation are being considered. Most cabinet ministers canvass public opinion to some extent before deciding on major changes, but none goes about it as thoroughly as Mr. Taylor, who believes a free-for-all exchange of views is the best way to draft legislation which will meet with public approval.

COMPULSORY MEMBERSHIP ISSUE didn't get far at the annual meeting of the Farmers' Union of Alberta here last week.

Perhaps it was because delegates knew they had little or no hope of having it introduced anyway, but only 30 of the 300-odd delegates voted in favor of a resolution asking that no one be allowed to operate a farm without being a member of the union.

As we pointed out last week, the FUA has in past years asked the government to support such a scheme but was turned down. Government attitude hasn't changed.

The convention also threw out a resolution asking that municipalities collect a tax of half a cent per acre on all farmland to help support the FUA.

There was hot debate on the

Vesper Service Held By CGIT

The Canadian Girls in Training held the annual Vesper service on Sunday evening, Dec. 14 in the United Church. Suitable decorations of evergreens and lighted candles had been arranged by the Sunshiner's group. Twenty-seven uniformed girls took part in this lovely service.

The order of service was taken by Carol Fischer. Ushers were Patricia Coffin and Shirley Brokop. Scripture readers were Carol Lovig, Carolyn Inklin, Arlene Clumstad, and Sheila Ballentine. The offering was received by Barbara Penion and Elaine MacMillan. The story, "The Shepherd Who Did Not Go" was told by Carol Smallwood. Candle lighting was done by Linda Daniels, Virley Sampson and Jean Darling.

Three carols, "Lo, How a Rose," "The Huron Carol," and "The Coventry Carol" were sung by the girls.

The pianist was Betty Rae Locke.

A large congregation came to this service and enjoyed it very much. The girls and their leaders, Mrs. Inglis and Mrs. Ronaghan, are to be complimented on this fine worship service, also Mrs. A.D. Glasgow, who assisted by training the choir in two numbers.

EASTERLY ECHOES

May the blessings of the season be with you—and bring you Deep and abiding happiness.

Don Burton returned from the coast on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dempsey and Maureen were city visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dempsey visited at the Bert Armitage home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Veer were city visitors on Thursday.

Several of the bonspiel prizes came out into our district.

Bruce Burton, Milt Younker, and Eldon Fenton won turkeys at the Irma Legion bingo Friday.

Mark Allred was home for the weekend.

The next meeting of the Battle River Ladies Club will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Fenton, Thursday, Jan. 8. Hostess, Mrs. Fenton; Baffle, Mrs. Dootson; Program, make up the program for the year; Roll Call, Ideas for program.

We were informed that Stuart Fenton had shipped 13 purebred Hereford bulls, and Harry Long had shipped 15 purebred Hereford bulls to Nevada, U.S.A.

Mrs. E. Fenton spent a few days in Newright last week.

Mrs. W. Crabb and Margaret arrived home from the city Tuesday evening.

Northern Nuggets

Remember our Sunday School Party at Albert School on Dec. 27th. All old friends are welcome. Party begins at 7:30 sharp.

After an enjoyable holiday with relatives in Mass., U.S.A. and Winnipeg, Mrs. Ramsay, Mrs. Robt. Lukens and Maureen arrived home on Saturday. Needless to say, they received a very warm welcome.

Mrs. Frank Bacon is a patient in the Mannville hospital.

On Monday evening, Mrs. Farle Webb received a call from Edmonton saying her mother was seriously ill. She left for the city on Tuesday a.m. We are sorry to report that Mrs. Golish has suffered a brain hemorrhage.

We are sorry also to report that our old friend and neighbor, Mrs. Erling Larson, has returned to Viking hospital for treatment. Meanwhile, Mrs. Hakan Larson is now taking very special care of that lovely baby and the other members of the family.

A Little Christmas Prayer
May His love forever bless
Your dear ones with Happiness.
Merry Christmas to All and a Bright and Peaceful New Year.

compulsory membership resolution, introduced by District 11 which represents farmers living in an area north of the Red Deer River. Those in favor argued that all farmers are benefitting from FUA membership but some of them aren't paying for it.

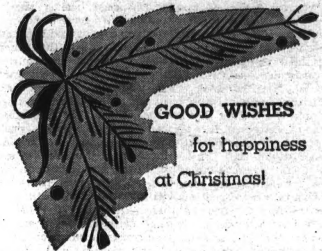
Opposition came from all sides. One delegate said: "If we pass this, we won't have to go to Russia for Communism. We'll have it right here." Delegates applauded a suggestion that the FUA attract more members by improving its service.



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Sir Wilfrid Laurier sat in the House of Commons from 1874 to 1919, held the office of Prime Minister from 1896 to 1911, the longest continuous term of any Canadian Prime Minister.

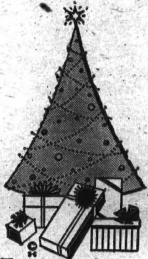
The double-barred cross which appears on the Christmas Seals sent out by the Tuberculosis Associations in Canada is a worldwide symbol of the campaign against tuberculosis.



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**IRMA POST OFFICE
STAFF**

WITH THE District Agriculturist

By J. S. Duncan

Year End:

It seems hard to believe that another year is nearly gone but such is the case. With the ending of a year also comes the time for the year end inventory and checking of the records to see whether the year was good or bad. No farmer can tell completely by his bank account just how he did over a year. It is necessary to take into account all receipts and expenditures plus changes in his inventory if he is to get the true story.

Anyone who has been using an inventory and keeping proper records should make it one of his resolutions to do so from now on, starting this coming January.

Trees:

There are still some shelter-belt trees available from the Provincial Nursery for planting next spring. If you want trees but haven't got around to putting in your application yet, don't delay any longer as supply will soon be gone.

GRAVEL TRUCK REGISTRATION

Gordon E. Taylor, Minister of Highways, announced that starting immediately the Department of Highways would arrange for the registration of all gravel trucks in the Province. Each trucker wanting his truck placed on a day labour haul this winter is requested to register his truck immediately. Information required on the registration form is:

- (1) The name and home address and phone number of the owner of the truck;
- (2) The make and year and serial number of the truck, the P.S.V. registration license number of the truck;
- (3) The business of the trucker—(a) Type of trucking (b) Last job held (c) Presently employed (d) Other business engaged in, if any;
- (4) Whether the truck is owner-operated or operated by hired driver; and
- (5) The period of registration in Alberta.

Truckers may register by mail in which case this information should be addressed to Department of Highways, Highways Building, Edmonton, or may register in person at the office of the District Engineer at the following points: Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary, Red Deer, Edson, St. Paul, Grande Prairie and Peace River. Registrations in Edmonton will be taken in the Highways Building, Edmonton. In the case of truckers registering by mail this must be done on the form provided for this purpose and which can be obtained at the foregoing offices.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year:

A want to take this opportunity to wish to one and all a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous for all of you.

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle, David Paul, who passed away on the 27th of December, 1957, ever remembered.

God saw the road was getting rough
And the hills too hard to climb,
So he called him to his heavenly home
And whispered, peace be thine.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunbar and family.

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Superstitions, Traditions Mark New Year Scene

Traditions and superstitions have long been a part of the New Year scene around the world.

The Chinese believe one must pay up all their debts if the New Year is to be a successful one. The English, on the other hand, consider it a good idea to start a savings account on January 1, since what you do on the New Year's Day is indicative of what you will do the rest of the year.

One of the most widespread superstitions concerns the "first-footer," the first person to enter a household on New Year's morning.

In early days, women and light-haired men were considered "unlucky" first-footers.

Ancient custom in Japan was to scatter parched beans about the house, supposedly driving away evil influences and bringing good luck to enter.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

A golfer is one who yells "fore," takes six, and puts down five.

IMPROPER GAS VENTING can be Dangerous

There have been recent reports of carbon monoxide fumes in homes in Edmonton and district. These fumes result from improper venting of gas appliances and can be dangerous. The following five point safety check will help make YOUR home safe. Check today — and be sure your venting is safe.

Make Your Own 5 Point Check Today

- 1 Check Your Chimney:**
If it's blocked in any way you're not getting proper venting. Hold a hand mirror inside the chimney at the clean-out opening or at the lowest vent pipe connection. Hold the mirror at the angle shown in the drawing at right. You should get reflected light if your chimney is clear of obstructions.
- 2 Check Vent Pipes:**
Pipes leading from appliances to your chimney should be in sound condition, all joints fitting snugly, well supported, free from obstructions and there should be no damper on these pipes.
- 3 Check Chimney Connections:**
Where vent pipes run into the chimney make sure they fit snugly—but do not run so far into the chimney that they block the chimney passage.
- 4 Check Appliances:**
City By-laws require that all gas appliances must be vented to the outside atmosphere, with the exception of refrigerators and ranges approved for use without vent pipes.
- 5 Check for Unpleasant Odors:**
Smarting of the eyes and nose irritation is an indication of fumes in your house.

Make this five point test today. Do not try to repair any trouble spots yourself. Call your local plumber, tinsmith or gasfitter - he is qualified to do a proper repair job.

A WORD FROM YOUR GAS COMPANY

This year several accidents resulting from gas fumes have been reported to our office. It is not the natural gas that causes these accidents — it is the products of incomplete combustion. Normally the products of combustion of fuel are carbon dioxide, water vapor, oxygen and nitrogen, all harmless. But if the chimney, or a vent pipe to the chimney, is blocked or partially blocked, the heating equipment may produce poisonous carbon monoxide which is spilled into the occupied space with possible harmful effects to the occupants. It is important that left-over gases get a chance to escape to the outside atmosphere, and we urge you to make the above safety check in your own home so that you can continue to enjoy Natural Gas with safety.

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and dreams
come true this
Christmas!*

Irma Food Market

L. E. MEIER

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moyer and family of Comox, B.C. have been transferred to Edmonton. They will arrive there this week as will Mrs. Moyer's mother, Mrs. Simmermon, who has been with them at the coast for the past 2 months. At Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Simmermon and family of Moose Jaw will arrive in the city. Mr. R. L. Simmermon will come up from Irma and they will all join with the Moyers and with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith, the former Doreen Simmermon, and with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Simmermon for the first complete Christmas reunion in ninety years.

We would like to make clear that the delay last issue caused by copy being held up in the mails had nothing whatever to do with our local office staff where we received the same efficient, prompt courteous service to which we are all accustomed at the Irma Post Office.

Irma Senior Hockey team won over Viking at Viking on Tuesday night with a score of 4 to 2. Johnny Walberg of the Irma Co-op staff had the misfortune to break his wrist during the game.

Mrs. E. Sharkey went to the city on Thursday to bring Roger home for Christmas.

Mrs. Erling Larson is a patient in Viking hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Bauer and Debbie from Mannville were Irma visitors on Wednesday.

We have had some very mild weather this past week which has been a great help to farmers, livestock and Christmas shoppers. At time of writing it is clouding over and the radio says "colder tomorrow." We hope not too cold.

We are glad to know that Mr. J. Craig of Wainwright is pretty well recovered and back at work again after receiving injuries to his arm and side in a fall. Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Isabel will be celebrating Christmas in the Irma district at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Joe Burton.

The LOBA is holding the annual Christmas raffle of a food hamper, child's sweater and large crocheted doiley. Anyone who wishes tickets can get them at the Co-op store or from any LOBA member. Tickets 3 for 25c. 5-19c

Mr. Don Simmermon of Moose Jaw spent last weekend at Irma with his father.

Little Lynne Moyer, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moyer, passed away on Friday, Dec. 12 in a Vancouver hospital. Funeral services will be held in Edmonton on Dec. 23rd. The sympathy of all at Irma is extended to Vera, Ralph and family and also to Lynn's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Simmermon.

A subscription to the Irma Times seems to be a popular Christmas gift this season, especially to friends at a distance. We have received a record number of gift subs so far and still they continue to come in.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hill and family of Wainham, Alta., who left Irma for the Peace River country about 11 years ago, are planning to come to spend Christmas here with relatives. Mrs. Hill is the former Madney Patterson. Welcome home Marny, Arnold and children.

Mr. V. Torrance is now employed at Wainwright working with M. & M. Appliances.

Mrs. E. S. Taylor is a patient in Wainwright hospital. She is

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FOR SALE—1950 Ford ½ ton truck. Apply Gordon Herder, Irma. 19p

FOR SALE—repairs for plows, discs, seed drills, bob sleighs, fresh frozen fish; buy your Christmas trees from me and save money. —Peter McArthur, Viking. 11-18p

FOR SALE — The South-West Quarter (S.W. ¼) of Section Ten (10) in Township Fifty-one (51) and Range Nineteen (19) West of the Fourth Meridian, containing 133.77 acres more or less, suitable for cultivation. Tenders addressed to Archibald, Edwards & Covey, 723 Tepler Building, Edmonton, Alberta. Must be received by 12:00 o'clock noon, January 31, 1959. 18-J8

NOTICE PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL 1959

Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61

Notice is hereby given that the assessment of the previous year has been adopted under the provisions of The Assessment Act, and that the assessment roll of the said municipality has been duly prepared, and that if any person thinks that any property has been wrongfully assessed, or assessed too high, or too low, or that his name or the name of any other person has been wrongfully entered upon or omitted from the roll, he may at any time prior to the 31st day of January notify the secretary-treasurer in writing of the particulars and grounds of his complaint.

Dated at Wainwright, this 15th day of December, 1958.

CHAS. WILBRAHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer.
D19-J30c

one of a number of our Irma folk who are suffering from a touch of stomach 'flu.'

The next meeting of the Irma WI will be held at the home of Mrs. Larson on Thursday, January 8th at 2:30 p.m.; Hostesses, Mrs. F. T. Thurston and Mrs. Fahner; Raffle, Mrs. Fahner; Roll Call, dues for coming year. Please note change of date for this meeting only.

The WA of St. Mary's would like their friends to know the correct weight of the Christmas cake was 9 lbs. The winners being Mrs. Meakins and Harold Glover.

We have received so many lovely letters and cards from readers from near and far and still they are coming in. For our New Year's issue we will try to give the highlights of news received from old friends and neighbors in many places.

A Happy Christmas to all! For Christmas meditation—"Such was the reaching out, Such was the separation, That our Lord tore the curtain from the sky."



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